

provoke distaste in some medical practitioners, it nevertheless comprises an important duty; interested parties and courts need expert, well-informed opinions as a basis for settling disputes. In the second year of "Grand Rounds in Environmental Medicine," we once again express our interest in receiving submissions that are educational, well written, and capable of withstanding rigorous peer review.

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

In "Concentration of Organochlorines in Human Brain, Liver, and Adipose Tissue Autopsy Samples from Greenland" [*EHP* 107:823–828 (1999)], the chemical name of *p,p'*-DDT is incorrect. The correct chemical name of *p,p'*-DDT is 2,2'-bis(4-chlorophenyl)-1,1,1-trichloroethane.

In the January NIEHS News article "Working for Women's Health" [*EHP* 108:A18–A19 (2000)], Roger Wiseman was incorrectly identified as a senior staff fellow. Wiseman is actually a senior investigator. *EHP* regrets the error.

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